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SUBJECT : Probable Ore-Processing Area Under Construction      BRIEF NO.: PIC/JB-14/59  
LOCATION : 9 miles NE of Nizhnyaya Salda, USSR      DATE : 5 Oct 59  
WAC NUMBER: 156      LAT. : 58°11'N  
LONG. : 61°00'E



MAP DATA: USAF PC 156B

REQUIREMENT NO: SI/R36/59

REMARKS:

Nizhnyaya Salda and vicinity were searched for any indications of missile production or deployment, but only one area, located 9 miles north-east of the city, warranted further study. A detailed analysis of this area (see Figure 1) revealed (1) that there were no indications of either missile production or deployment and (2) that a probable ore-processing installation was under construction.

The general area under consideration is located on the Tagil River and is served by a power line, an improved all-weather road, and a rail line (under construction) from Nizhnyaya Salda. The entire area is not secured but one portion, containing eight barrack-type buildings, is fenced and is further secured by a guard building at the gate. This appears to be a forced labor camp. South of, and contiguous to the labor camp are two barrack-type buildings which evidently serve to house the security guard force. To the east of the labor camp are 11 administrative support and housing buildings.

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A probable ore-processing installation is under construction south of the labor camp. The installation under development contains several shed-type buildings, a conveyor, three rail spurs under construction and several foundations including a possible heat plant under construction. Associated with this installation is the terminus of a Nizhnyaya Salda 110-KV power line within a transformer yard, a portion of which is being expanded.

Between the probable processing installation and the river is a cleared section of land which may be a water treatment facility under construction. At the time of the photography, there were no buildings under construction; however, the location and orientation indicate the possible siting of a water treatment facility. Material removed from the sites of the water treatment facility and the probable processing installation has been used as a portion of the fill to construct a dam on the Tagil River, partially damming the flow and providing a water reserve for the general area.

The entire area is in such an early stage of construction that further interpretation is not possible at this time.

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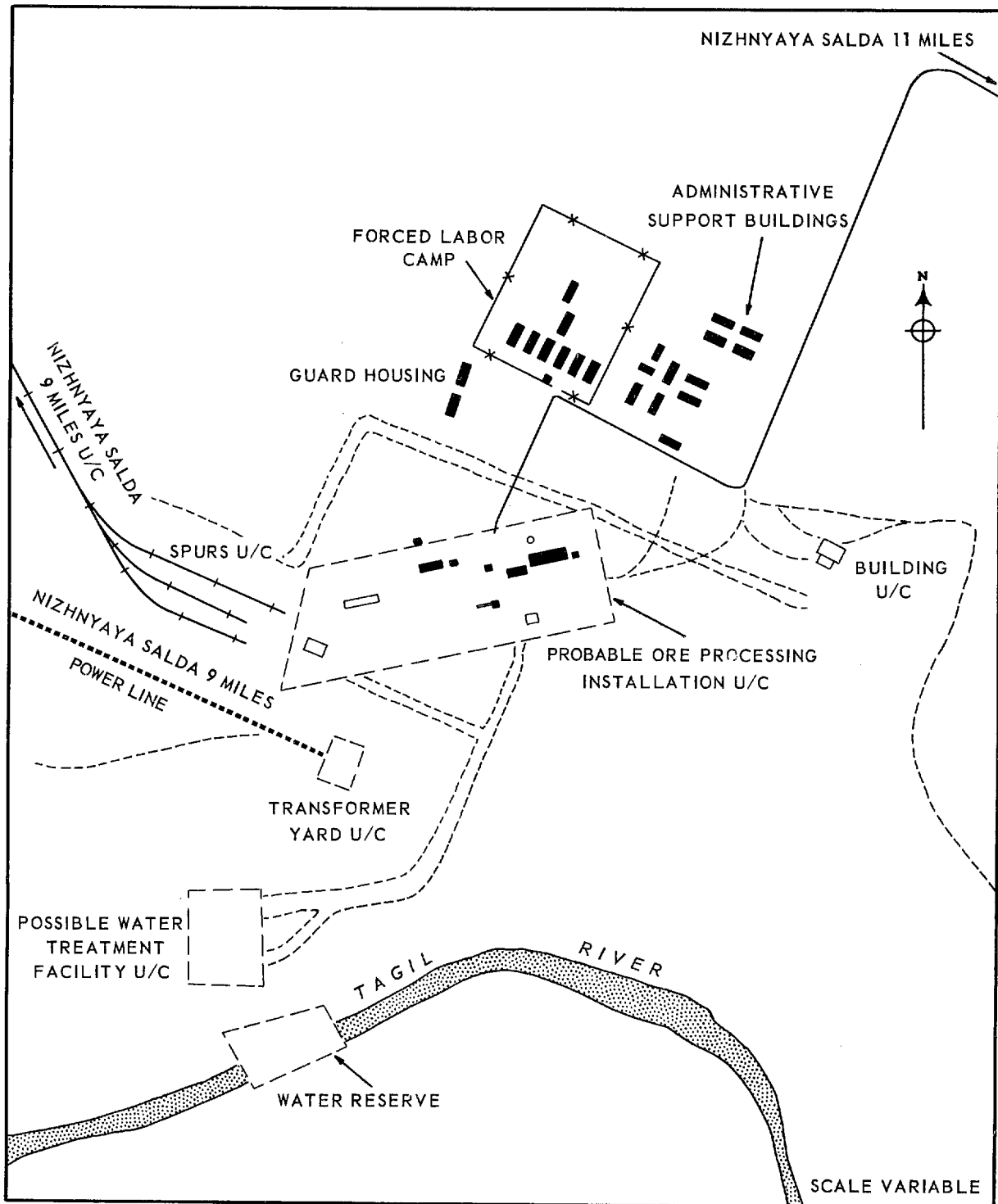


FIGURE 1. PROBABLE ORE PROCESSING AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION. This activity is located 9 miles NE of Nizhnyaya Salda.